

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Newton Board of Selectmen accomplished many goals that have been on the “to do” list for a few years. First, we would like to thank the voters for passing the town budget. Passing the budget allows the Town to move forward with infrastructure needs and to manage the prudential affairs of the Town. A Household Hazardous Waste Day was held in September and a free voucher was given to residents allowing them one day to dispose of bulky items for free.

With the approval of a Town vote, the Board held an auction for the sale of 2 Amesbury Road (former Police Station) and sold the property at a price of \$70,000. The sale price reflects the condition of the property and the reason why it was necessary to move the Police Department from this building.

The Board worked with many department heads to update town buildings/property as follows:

- Installed power at the Sand/Salt Shed and at the Town Beach
- Purchased a new raft at the Town Beach
- Updated the Bookkeepers computer software program
- Hired a new Information Technology Firm (IT) which ended up as a cost savings to the town which allowed the town to lease a server with an automatic daily backup system to protect the town’s information.
- New paint at the Town Hall in the front hallway and upstairs meeting room
- Updated the sign at the front of Town Hall and as you enter/exit the town
- Updated three fire hydrants that were not in working order
- Repaired the fire escape at the Gale Library
- New perimeter fence and security system at the Transfer Station

Per the request of the Board of Selectmen, Senator Nancy Stiles worked with the Department of Transportation to include improvements at Rowe’s Corner Road (Route 108 and Amesbury Road) in the draft State Ten Year Plan. In November 2013, the Town as a final farewell presented to Patrolman First Class Christopher Thurlow a plaque that contained his retired service firearm that was fired during the Greenland incident on April 12, 2012. He is a true hero whom also received the New Hampshire’s Congressional Law Enforcement Award in the category of “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty” by Congressional Representatives/Leaders.

The Board completed a new Town Vehicle Policy to set guidelines under which town vehicles are operated, along with the standard operating procedures for all town personnel, updated the Impact Fee Schedule and approved funding for Online Assessing Data and Tax Kiosk. Check out the website home page for these links at www.newton-nh.gov. As we move forward in 2014 with a five member Board of Selectmen, please attend a meeting, ask questions or watch the meetings on channel 20 or on the town’s website.

Respectfully submitted,
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